

**OFFICIAL BALLOT TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 10, 2009
POLLS OPEN 9-7 AT ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

Article #3:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,363,405. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,138,379 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article #4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four-hundred nineteen thousand three-hundred forty nine dollars (\$419,349) for the construction, any costs related to construction and easement, engineering, and other costs related to securing State and Federal permits, for the replacement of the River Street Bridge. Of that amount, 80% (approximately \$335,479) shall be reimbursed to the Town as Bridge Aid from the State of NH. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of the balance of \$72,000 from the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 for that purpose. The **balance of eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$11,870) is to be raised from taxation.** The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #5

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004 should River Street Bridge Reconstruction – Article #4 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #6

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Employee Disability Payment Fund to an Employee Compensated Benefit Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-1-2 to recommend this article. (2/3 majority Vote required).

Article #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to reconstruct a portion of Sanborn Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to provide funding for repair and reconstruction of the roof of the Squam River Covered Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of

selectmen voted 3-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7000) to purchase a replacement engine for the Town Highway Department grader. The board of selectmen voted 4-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee vote 6-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000) to purchase a sidewalk plow and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) from the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of eighty-nine thousand dollars (\$89,000) is to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the plow is purchased or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund should Sidewalk Plow – Article #10 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to create a Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle in the future, to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The amount of the appropriation is to be raised from taxation. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 not to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000) for the purchase, installation, and other ancillary expenses relating to installation of an air exchange/exhaust for the Town Fire Department. Of that amount, forty thousand three-hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$40,375) shall be received from Department of Homeland Security – FEMA grant with the **balance of five thousand-six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$5,625) to be raised from taxation.** This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the installation is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen does recommend this article. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #14

Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland employ a full time paid fire chief and raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2009, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time on-call fire chief. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 6-0-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #15

Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose, or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981, with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department.

Article #16

Submitted by petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to come from general taxation to purchase two electric generators, one to be installed at the Town Garage and the other to be installed at the Town Fire Department. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 7-1 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #17

Submitted by petition: If funding for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc's services for Ashland residents is not approved through the regular Town Budget process, we request that \$5,000 be raised and appropriated for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland Residents in 2009. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2008 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services to 117 Ashland residents and the cost of providing these services was \$66,922.86. The board of selectmen voted 2-2 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 4-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #18

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year 2008 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

Article #19

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Residential Codes?

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